CITY OF FRESNO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A FINDING OF CONFORMITY

EA No. EA-14-018

Environmental Assessment No. EA-14-018 for West McKinley Avenue Official Plan Line

APPLICANT:

City of Fresno Public Works Department 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK 2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA 93721

Filed with:

PROJECT LOCATION:

Official Plan Line along West McKinley Avenue from North Blythe Avenue to approximately 265 feet east of North Marks Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726

36°45'52.7004" N Latitude, -119°51'11.9082" W Longitude

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): Various

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Fresno Public Works Department, Traffic and Engineering Services Division, has filed Environmental Assessment (EA) Application No. EA-14-018 for an Official Plan Line (OPL) for the West McKinley Avenue alignment from North Blythe Avenue to approximately 265 feet east of North Marks Avenue. The proposed OPL is solely for the purpose of clarifying the existing plan line identified in the City of Fresno's 2025 General Plan. No improvements are proposed at this time. The street will be improved incrementally as adjacent properties develop. The OPL is being proposed to establish a narrower cross-section for the West McKinley Avenue right-of-way to accommodate existing development of the adjacent surrounding properties. The proposed alignment is consistent with the City of Fresno's 2025 General Plan and the West Area Community Plan which designate this segment of West McKinley Avenue as an Arterial. The street classification will remain as an arterial, the number of lanes will remain the same, and the alignment will not be moved from that which is currently in place.

The City of Fresno has conducted an initial study of the above-described project and it has been determined to be a subsequent project that is not fully within the scope of the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130 (MEIR) prepared for the 2025 Fresno General Plan (SCH # 2001071097) and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Plan Amendment No. A-09-02 (SCH # 2009051016) (Air Quality MND). Therefore, the Development and Resource Management Department proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

With the project specific mitigation imposed, there is no substantial evidence in the record that this project may have additional significant, direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the environment that are significant and that were not identified and analyzed in the MEIR or Air Quality MND. After conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR and Air Quality MND pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and the Air Quality MND was adopted and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete and the Air Quality MND was adopted, has become available. The project is not located on a site which is included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal sites and others, and the information in the Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement required under subdivision (f) of that Section.

Additional information on the proposed project, including the MEIR/Air Quality MND proposed environmental finding of a mitigated negative declaration and the initial study may be obtained from the Development and Resource Management Department, Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, 3rd Floor Fresno, Room 3070, California 93721-3604. Please contact Lauren Filice at (559) 621-8070 or Sophia Pagoulatos at (559) 621-8062 for more information.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON may comment on the proposed environmental finding. Comments must be in writing and must state (1) the commentor's name and address; (2) the commentor's interest in, or relationship to, the project; (3) the environmental determination being commented upon; and (4) the specific reason(s) why the proposed environmental determination should or should not be made. Any comments may be submitted at any time between the publication date of this notice and close of business on **August 18, 2014**. Please direct comments to Lauren Filice, Planner III or Sophia Pagoulatos, Supervising Planner, City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department, City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3076, Fresno, California, 93721-3604; or by email to Lauren.Filice@fresno.gov; or comments can be sent by facsimile to (559) 498-1026.

The approval and this proposed environmental finding for the project have been tentively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on **August 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** and by the City Council on **September 25, 2014** or thereafter. The hearing will be held in the Fresno City Council Chambers located at Fresno City Hall, 2nd Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California, 93721. Your written and oral comments are welcomed at the hearing and will be considered in the final decision.

| INITIAL STUDY PREPARED BY: Lauren Filice, Planner III, City of Fresno | SUBMITTED BY: |
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| DATE: July 15, 2014 | Sophia Pagoulatos, Supervising Planner CITY OF FRESNO DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT |